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LOK SABHA

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TRAINING OF SMALL TEA GROWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government introduces any scheme for training of small tea growers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the targets fixed and achieved so far under the scheme alongwith the expenditure incurred for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) and (b) : Yes, Madam. Government is supporting training programmes for the various stakeholders − managerial personnel in tea gardens, workers and small growers through the ongoing Human Resource Development Scheme of Tea Board. A special training on modern aspects of tea growing is organized for the small tea growers' Self Help Groups (SHGs) who in turn, on completion of the training, are expected to impart training to other members of the SHG. Besides meeting the training fee, the boarding and lodging cost for the training period is fully met by the Board. After completion of the training, each trainee is provided with stipend @Rs.500 per month for next six months. For this purpose, Tea Board has a tied up arrangement with Tea Research Associations and other educational institutes.

(c): Against the 11th Plan financial target of Rs.12.50 crore for the aforementioned training programmes, an expenditure of Rs.1.40 crore has been incurred during the period from 1st April, 2007 to October 2009 by providing training to 24,116 growers.